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1.- Livestock production in Chile has grown at a rate of 0.74% in the last few years whereas the population growth rate has been 2.5%. Total per capita meat production has dropped in the last 10 years from 38.7 kilos to 30.3 kilos. In the same period per capita milk production has decreased from 106 liters/year to 99; and egg production from 63 to 55 units between 1954/55 and 1957/59. Total animal protein consumption is 14% lower after 10 years.

2.- As an effort to remedy this situation the Chilean Government is putting into effect a Program for Development to the Livestock Industry for the period 1961-1970 which defines the policy to be followed and the steps to be taken.

3.- In order to be self-sufficient in beef at the end of 10 years the Program specifies a 44% increase of the cattle inventory through better sanitary conditions and improvement of management and feeding of the animals as well as the organization of commercialization and importation of selected cows.

4.- Milk production should increase by 77% in the same period. To this end, the steps to be taken are similar to the ones mentioned above for the beef situation. Besides, existing milk-pasteurizing and processing plants will be expanded and rising new capacity installed; roads will be improved in the areas of production; and irrigated areas will be increased.

5.- Sheep inventories will increase 45% and the grasslands on which sheep are raised will be intensively improved.

6.- Park inventories will be 50% higher and poultry 66%, so as to increase egg production by 120%.

7.- Back-bone of the Program is the conversion of extensive areas of natural prairies into improved grasslands. To facilitate this it makes provision for an ample and convenient credit plan for the farmers, as well as improvement and increased subdivision of the fields, availability of drinking water for the livestock, production of pasture seeds, greater use of fertilizers, etc.

8.- An additional 510.000 square meters of buildings are programmed for the protection of cattle and the storage of food for the animals.

9.- The necessary increase of mechanization for the production of fodder will be provided by the establishment of a number of private enterprises serving the farmers. And by giving the farmer credit for the acquisition of mechanized equipment.

10.- Technical assistance will be given by the Ministry of Agriculture and other governmental organizations and is meant to be a complement to the economic aid given to the farmer.

11.- The Program will mean a total investment of 51,936,000 dollars and E° 91,265,000 for the first 5 years.

12.- Production will increase an estimated 45.4 million escudos.

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